

Software Underground

Board Meeting

29 October 2024

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 24 September 2024. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Santi

Regrets: Matt, Matteo, Leo

Present: Dieter

Visiting: Andrea

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

Remarks

- None

Meetup at EGU2025 (27 Apr - 2 May)

Andrea brought the idea of organizing a Swung meetup on a future EGU. We can use some of the EGU resources to make it more of a formal meeting. April 2025 in Vienna.

- **Geolatinas organized a meetup at AGU last year. They had a space to meet at a particular time in the day.**
- **We used to have a meetup channel.**
- **Would be nice to look for deadlines and requirements to apply for it. Add it to the todo list.**

Meetup at EGC2025 (6-10 Oct):

<https://europeangeothermalcongress.eu/>

The EGC2025 will be in Zurich. If I (Dieter) have the bandwidth I would like to create a meetup then!

Updates on finances

- Plausible has been paid. We now have analytics working back again. Thanks Matt and Matteo for sorting this out!
- Matteo and Santi are admins of Printful (store). Also, removed the Agile account from the store.

Remarks

- **pyGIMLi might be interested in using Plausible for their website.**
- **Do we have a list of all websites using the Plausible service?**
- **Who has access to the “mother” account to manage Plausible?**
- **Plausible is not in the Tech spreadsheet!**
- **We should have stickers in the store! Is it possible to get it through Printful? Or do we need to use another store?**

TRANSFORM

Any updates on organizing a future Transform? Jo is one of the major driving forces for it and she already manifested not having the bandwidth to work on it until next month.

Remarks:

- **Conversation about organizing hubs**
- **Jo has some ideas brought from the OpenStreetMap community**
- **Tutorials could be pre-recorded so we can focus more on the social event.**
- **We have a TRANSFORM? channel in mattermost. Feel free to join.**

Better tooling for organizing tasks for the board

I (Santi) personally find it very easy to forget which tasks need to be done before the next board meeting. I appreciate that we keep track of the meetings through the notes, but I feel they get buried in the Google Drive (which I rarely use) so even though they work perfectly as an archive for our activity in these meetings, they don't work very well to foster actions. Moreover, I suspect that most of the members of SWUNG are not aware of these meeting

notes, so the tasks become the responsibility only of the board members, preventing participation from the rest of the community.

Discuss ideas to fix this. What if we choose some other tool that could allow us to keep track of the progress of tasks? Naming a few ideas to kick off the conversation:

- Keep meeting notes as they are. We need them to keep a record of what we discuss during these meetings.
- Complement the meeting notes with some other tool/document/task managing system, etc. that would allow us to be more aware of what's needed to be done.
 - Conversation should be open, so other members can join.
 - This system should be "archivable" (we should be able to export what happened there for future archive).
- Possible options:
 - [GitHub Projects](#)
 - Kanban systems

Remarks

- **Mattermost has a plugin for it: Focalboard (<https://www.focalboard.com/>)**
- **It might be possible to try it out first, by downloading as a standalone app.**
- **We could then ask J to install it if we like it.**

Conversation about non-profit and fiscal hosts

We've been talking about moving away from a non-profit considering that the benefits we get don't match the effort we need to put into its societal duties. Leo prompted the idea to have a fiscal host.

Any advances/research/ideas on this? (Retaking this from last meeting)

Remarks:

- **None**
- **We would need to do some research to identify the pros and cons of non-profit vs having a fiscal host.**
- **There's no urgency right now to move.**

Volunteer for chairing the next meeting

Matteo volunteered for November.

Remarks:

- None

TODO

- Push these meeting notes to GitHub after the meeting (Santi)
- Try out Focalboard and ask Jørgen to install it for us in Mattermost if we like it (Santi)
- Find out deadlines to apply for an EGU meetup (Andrea) - Thanks for volunteering on this!
- How has access to the Plausible main account? Do we have a list of websites using Plausible? (Santi)
- We should have stickers in the store! Is it possible to get it through Printful? Or do we need to use another store? (Santi should ask Matt about it)

Parking lot / next meeting

Getting new members of the board

Is it possible to vote for bringing a new member to the board at any time? Or do we need to do it in the AGM?